

## Rating descriptions

**1.0** - These players need to work most on developing their hand/eye coordination. They frequently miss the ball entirely, but can hit some of the slower balls with their forehand. They have a hard time playing games because they can't keep a rally going.

**1.5** - These players keep some short rallies going with their forehand, but still fail to return easy balls frequently and occasionally still miss the ball entirely. They have played a few games and know the basic rules of the game.

**2.0** - These players are learning to judge where the ball is going, but can sustain a short rally with players of equal ability. They have obvious weaknesses in most of their strokes.

**2.5** - These players are able to keep quite a few balls going with their forehands, make most easy volleys, and are beginning to make some backhands but need to work more on developing their strokes. They are thinking more about coming up to the non-volley zone to hit volleys and are making an effort to be more aggressive.

**3.0** - These players are fairly consistent when hitting medium-paced shots, but are not comfortable with all strokes and lack control when trying for direction, depth, or power on their shots. They are beginning to attempt lobs and dinks but don't fully understand when and why they should use them and don't have a lot of success with them.

**3.5** - These players have achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on most medium speed balls and some harder hit balls. They still need to develop more depth and variety with their shots, but are exhibiting more aggressive net play, are anticipating their opponent's shots better, and are developing teamwork in doubles.

**4.0** - These players have dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides with most shots. They can use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success and occasionally force errors when serving. Rallies may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident. They know the rules of the game and can play by them.

**4.5** - These players have developed their use of power and spin, can successfully execute all shots, can control the depth of their shots, and can handle pace. They have sound footwork and they move well enough to get to the non-volley zone whenever required. They understand strategy and can adjust their style of play according to their opponent's strengths and weaknesses and their position on the court. They can hit serves with power and accuracy and can also vary the speed and spin of the serve if desired.

**5.0** - These players have all the skills of the 4.5 players, but have either developed these same skills to a higher level or are simply quicker and/or stronger than the 4.5 group of players.

If you or someone you know is interested in setting up a vendor booth or sponsorship for the event, please contact our Recreation office at 502-429-7270

# E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park 6th Annual Pickleball Tournament



## January 27 & 28, 2017

Pickleball was introduced at E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park in 1988 and is now one of the fastest growing sports in the nation! We follow USAPA rules, but do have a set of house rules that will be used also. The ball is a typical outdoor style ball, on a vinyl floor, which speeds up the play some indoors.

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Tournament begins Friday morning with the Women's doubles. The Mixed doubles will follow immediately, and then the Men's doubles will finish out on Saturday. Exact times/days will be emailed once registration closes on January 9. There will be a free, open play practice on Thursday, January 26 from 5 p.m.– 8 p.m.

The tournament format is pool play followed by a single elimination tournament. Teams are guaranteed four games. Awards will be given to the top three teams of each division, following the elimination tournament.

**The fee is \$25 per player, add \$10 per player for second division.**

- **Registration runs from November 7, 2016 –January 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.p.**
- ALL registrants are guaranteed an event t-shirt.
- Each division has a maximum registration of 8 teams., the option to play up will be offered if division is currently full.
- Each Division/level needs at least 4 teams to be able to play, levels may be combined if necessary, players affected will be notified prior to any changes.
- All mail-in entries are determined by postmark - no exceptions!
- Tournament packets and t-shirts will be available for pick-up each day of tournament play, beginning at 7:30 a.m. and all day long at the scorer's table on the stage.
- Play will begin with a seven game bracket, which will seed teams for the single elimination tourney.
- **Tournament play begins each day at 8:00 a.m.**
- **Teams with varying skill levels will play at the highest level of either teammate.**

Self-rating descriptions are on the back of this registration form. If you are unsure of your level, please ask a more experienced player or park staff to assist in self rating.

Please check which division(s) you'd like to register for.

<u>Women's Doubles</u>	<u>Mixed Doubles</u>	<u>Men's Doubles</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5- 3.0 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5- 3.0 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5- 3.0 level
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 level
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.0 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.0 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.0 level
<input type="checkbox"/> 4.5- 5.0 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.5- 5.0 level	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.5- 5.0 level

***E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park holds the right to adjust levels of players based on previous performances, or combine levels if need be, based on registration numbers. Players affected will be contacted before any changes are made.***

**Registration Fee (First Division)** \$25  
**Additional Divisions: \$10** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Entry Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(there is a \$2 extra fee for t-shirt size XXXL)*

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*One registration form per player please.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (circle one) : Male Female

*Confirmation of registration will be EMAILED upon receipt*

Partner's Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL XXXL\*  
*\*(there is a \$2 extra fee for XXXL)*

Method of Payment:

☐ Cash

☐ Check (\$50 fee on all returned checks)

☐ Visa

☐ MasterCard

☐ American Express

**Make Checks Payable to:**

E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park

**Mail entire entry form & payment to:**

E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park

3000 Freys Hill Road

Louisville, KY 40241

Attn: Pickleball Tournament

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Responsibility:** In consideration of my being accepted in the E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park Pickleball Tournament, I intend to be legally bound, do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby waive and release forever any and all rights and claims for damages I may receive against all persons and agencies; namely E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park and all contributing sponsors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me while traveling to and from and while participating in the Pickleball Tournament on January 28 – January 30, 2016 at the park. I hereby attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for this competition and that my physical condition has been verified by a licensed medical doctor. Registrants give permission for images taken during the course of the event by park staff to be used in future park promotions/publications.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_